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PSC TO VOTE JUNE 17 ON CITIZENS TEL'S PLAN TO OFFER  
ONE LOCAL CALLING AREA INCLUDING TROY, LIBBY & EUREKA

The state Public Service Commission will vote June 17 whether to approve a proposal filed by Citizens Telecommunications to offer local customers options to expand their local calling areas.

Citizens Tel provides phone service in Libby, Troy and Eureka. Calls between those towns are currently long-distance calls. In response to customer requests that the company develop expanded local calling capability, Citizens proposes to allow customers to choose one of three rate plans to complete calls to customers in the other Citizens' exchanges. The proposed rate plans are:

- Premium flat rate service - provides unlimited local calling between Libby, Troy and Eureka for a fixed monthly charge (in addition to existing monthly charges) of \$5 for residential single-line customers and \$7.50 for business single-line or trunk customers.

- Measured service - provides local calling between Libby, Troy and Eureka for a discounted monthly charge (in addition to existing monthly charges), plus a per-minute usage rate. Under this plan, a residential single-line customer would pay an extra \$2 per month, plus 5 cents per minute of usage. Business single-line and trunk customers would pay an extra \$3.50 per month, plus 5 cents per minute of usage.

- Existing service - allows customers to continue with their current service setup in which calls within their exchange are free, but calls outside their exchange -- even to other Citizens' exchanges -- are long-distance calls.

The premium flat-rate and the measured service plans would not be available to multi-party customers.

Unless affected customers notify the PSC of any objections, the PSC will vote on Citizens' proposal on June 17 at its regular weekly business meeting. The PSC's address and phone number are: Public Service Commission, Attn: Dennis Crawford, PO Box 202601, Helena MT 59620-2601; 406-444-6199.

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